

Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises

Assessment and a Shield

SECTION I: Locate these quotes within the document. Read the quotes in the context of the speech. Underneath each quote, write one sentence summarizing the intent and tone of the remark.

The Emancipation of South America: Henry Clay in the House of Representatives, March 24, 1818

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"Within this vast region we behold the most sublime and interesting objects of creation, the richest mines of the precious metals, and the choicest productions of the earth. We behold there a spectacle still more interesting and sublime-the glorious spectacle of eighteen millions of people struggling to burst their chains and to be free"

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"The Revolution has been attended with various degrees of success in the several parts of Spanish America. In some it has been already crowned, as I shall endeavor to show, with complete success, and in all I am persuaded that independence has struck such deep root, that the power of Spain can never eradicate it."

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"I maintain that an oppressed people are authorized, whenever they can, to rise and break their fetters....It was the great principle of our own."

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"Spanish America for centuries has been doomed to the practical effects of an odious tyranny. If we were justified, she is more than justified."

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"There cannot be a doubt that Spanish America, once independent, whatever may be the form of government established in its several parts, these governments will be animated by an American feeling, and guided by an American policy. They will obey the laws of the system of the new world, of which they will compose a part, in contradiction to that of Europe."

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"But it is sometimes said that they are too ignorant and too superstitious to admit of the existence of free government. This charge of ignorance is often urged by persons themselves actually ignorant of the real condition of that people. I deny the alleged fact of ignorance; I deny the inference from that fact, if it were true, that they want capacity for free government."

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"It is the doctrine of thrones that man is too ignorant to govern himself."

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"With regard to their superstition, they worship the same God with us. Their prayers are offered up in their temples to the same Redeemer whose intercession we expect to save us. Nor is there anything in the Catholic religion unfavorable to freedom."

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Summarize Clay's speech. Include his overall attitude towards South America, the revolutions against Spain, and the prospects for the South American countries' future.

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"The Happy Revolution": Dispatch from the U.S. Commercial Agent in Mexico, James Smith Wilcocks, October 25, 1821

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"...the following circumstantial and exact account of the happy revolution that has lately occurred in this kingdom of New Spain, which, by the blessing of God, the intrepidity, talents, and exertions of its patriotic chief, General Don Augustin Iturbide the enlightened policy of its mother country..., has ended in its complete and entire emancipation."

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"...it has been governed., with very few exceptions, [by] as many merciless and mercenary tyrants, the rapacity and unfeeling barbarity of whom nothing could have withstood for such a length of time but al land enriched by the beautiful hand of nature to a most extraordinary degree, and a people born and brought up, until of late, in all the intolerance of superstition and ignorance, and accustomed from their earliest infancy to the innumerable, and I may say almost incredible impositions of both church and state."

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"...that Providence has been no less lavish in the distribution of her gifts as respects mankind, than in the fertility and production of the earth; the natives of this country, not excepting the Indians, being endowed with a quickness of perception and ability to acquire and make themselves masters of the arts and sciences that is very notable and far exceeds that of the inhabitants of Old Spain, and perhaps many other countries."

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"...that the revolution, ...from its commencement, [has] been accompanied with brotherly love, patriotism, disinterestedness, truth, and good faith; so that the more I reflect on its origin and progress, the more is my admiration excited, and the more am I tempted to exclaim that America has produced two of the greatest heroes that ever existed-Washington and Iturbide."

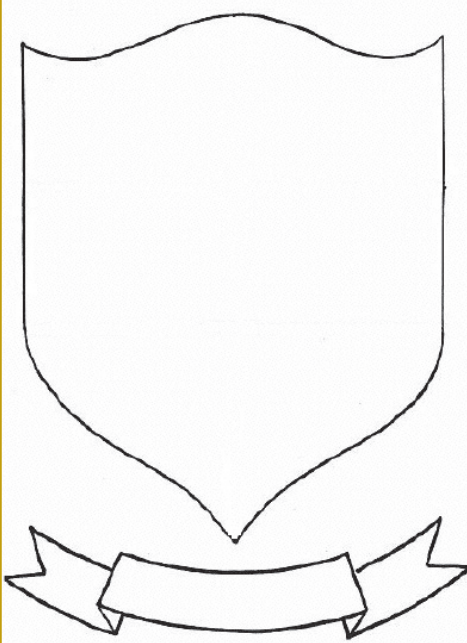
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Summarize Wilcocks' dispatch. Include his overall attitude towards Mexico, the revolution against Spain, and Mexico's prospects for the future.

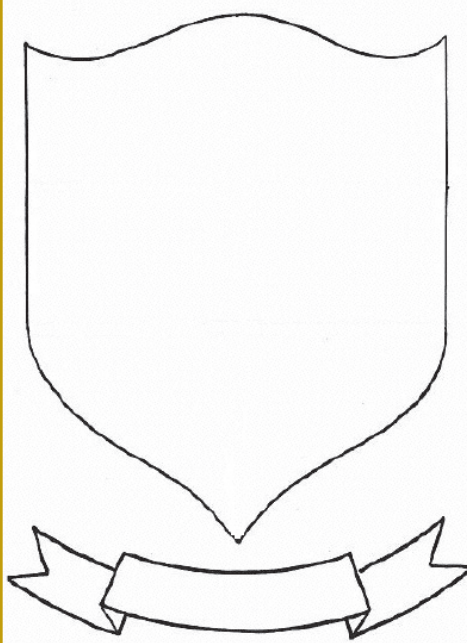
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SECTION II: Read this quote from John Quincy Adams speech, July 4, 1821, then complete these shields:

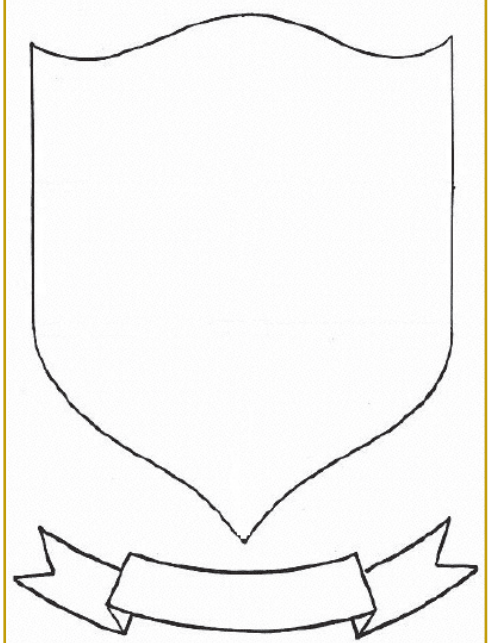
"[America's] glory is not dominion, but liberty. Her march is the march of the mind. She has a spear and a shield: but the motto upon her shield is, Freedom, Independence, Peace."



The first shield should be completed according to **John Quincy Adams' quote**. The furred ribbon below the shield should be filled as well.



Shield 2 should be completed for **South America** as if it was designed by Henry Clay. Select a slogan for the shield and words for the ribbon.



Shield 3 should be completed for Mexico as if it was designed by **James Smith Wilcocks**. Select a slogan for the shield and words for the ribbon.